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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 19, 2007 (Paper No. 20070608). Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.